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MY MOTHER IS GIVING
ADMISSION AND I
DON'T BELIEVE ANY
OF THIS CAN BE
ADMISSION

I AM AN INVESTMENT ANALYST
AT A PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM
IN NEW YORK. I HAVE A
WIFE AND A CHILD AND A
JOB. I DON'T WANT TO
LEAVE AND I DON'T
HAVE A CHOICE. BUT I
WANT TO LIVE EVERY
DAY.

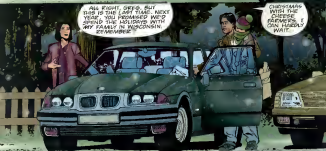
I HAVE A COMPLAINT
ABOUT MY
ADMISSION AND I
KNOW... I KNOW
THAT THE
DON'T COME
TO LIVE TO
EAT THE
EVENING

IT'S CHRISTMAS
EVE. CHRISTMAS
IN
HOLLYWOOD AND
THEY SPEND
MONEY ON TV. NOT
REAL-LIFE
ADMISSION

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE.
FOR GOD'S SAKE,
DON'T
AND DON'T
TAKE



THERE IT IS, PEOPLE! THE BRACKENHILL HOTEL IN THE ADIRONDACKS! CLAY TOLD YOU I'D GET YOU HERE IN THE END!



ALL RIGHT, GREGG, BUT THIS IS THE LAST TIME. NEXT YEAR, YOU PROMISED WE'D SPEND THE HOLIDAYS WITH MY FAMILY IN MICHIGAN, CORRECT?

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHERRY CERRITOS? I CAN HANDLE WAIT.



FOR ADDITION, GREGG? IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE, LONELY. WHAT DO YOU SAY WE CALL IT A TRUCK STOP FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON?

GOODWILL TO ALL MEN, AND EVEN THOSE BROTHERS-IN-LAW, AND ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF.

GREGG!

WELL, LOOK WHAT THEY BLEW IN OFF THE TURNPIKE!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE! COME ON IN AND JOIN YOURSELVES UP TV. GREGG SAYS IT'S GOING TO BE A REAL WHITEOUT THIS CHRISTMAS.



ANNIE CHRISTMAS PRINCESS! WANT TELL YOU SEE WHAT GERONIMO WASHINGTON AND I HAVE WAITING FOR YOU LADDER THE TIME!

WILL A FEW STRAGGLERS OUT ON THE ROAD, BUT MOST OF THE CLAN'S ALREADY HERE. WHY DON'T YOU COME IN AND SAY HELLO?



'THE CLAN' I HATE! IT WHEN YOU ANTIHESONS CALL YOURSELVES THAT...

PEACE AND GOODWILL TO ALL AFRA DARLINGS. PEACE AND GOODWILL...



LOOK WHO'S HERE, EVERYONE. THE NEW YORK BRANCH OF THE FAMILY?

THE FURLOD AMATEURS OF CONNECTICUT, MY FATHER, NEW ENGLAND OLD ANNEY WHO CAN TRACE THEIR ANCESTRY ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE AMALGAM...

A FEELD LINEAGE CONTAINING ALL THE USUAL SCREW-UPS AND THUMB BACKS YOU'D EXPECT TO FIND AMONG THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF BREEDING...



MY COUSIN EDGAR, HE WORKS ON WALL STREET. YOU'VE MADE ANCESTRY RESEARCH AND WERE BOTH SIX YEARS OLD.

ANNIE CHRISTMAS SPOKE I HEARD YOU PULLED DOWN SOME MAJOR POINTS ON THAT DISTASTING DEAL.



HEY, BOO GOOD TO SEE YA.



UNCLE BEN AND AUNT ANNETTA, FROM VERMONT. COME EVERY HOLIDAY, YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON THEM TURNING UP TO FEELGOOD AT MY PARENTS' EXPENSE.

GOOD, LOVELY TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MR. LADAPT LITTLE GRACE GEDOWN SINCE LAST YEAR.



GRAND UNCLE WASHINGTON, DON'T LET ALL THOSE ANNOYS RUIN YOU. THE CLOSEST HE EVER GOT TO SAYING ACTION WAS A DECISION POINT, UP WITH GRAND ANNETTA IN A PARSON SQUADRO.

EH, WHAT'S THAT YOU SAID THAT HNT GOOD, THAT'S THE OTHER ONE, POKY... THAT'S THAT HE IS.

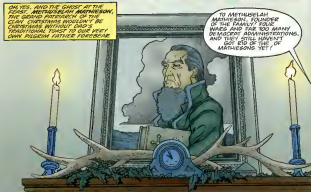


TERRY MY TWIN BROTHER MY DEAD TWIN BROTHER IT'S BEEN THIRTY-FIVE YEARS, AND THAT OLD ALZHEIMER'S CASE STILL MANAGES TO GET IT WRONG EVERY TIME

WELL, MOST EVERYONE'S HERE, AND THOSE THAT AREN'T SOON WILL BE TIME FOR THE FAMILY ROMBY...

OH, YES, AND THE GHOST AT THE FEAST, METABOLISM MATHISON, THE GRAND FATHERMUM OF THE CLAY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, HE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, HIS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, HIS OWN PLEASANT FATHER FOREBEAR

TO METABOLISM MATHISON, FOUNDER OF THE FAMILY, FOUNDER WINE AND THE TOO MANY DESSERT ADMINISTRATIONS, AND THEY STILL HAVEN'T GOT RID OF THE OF MATHISON'S YET!



GOD, THAT PICTURE USED TO SCARE ME HALF TO DEATH WHEN I WAS A KID, TERRY! AND I USED TO HIDE UP IN THE ATTIC, CONVINCED THAT THE OLD DEVIL WAS GOING TO CLIMB OUT OF HIS COVE AND COME AFTER US ONE NIGHT

TERRY, I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW LITTLE I THINK OF HIM THESE DAYS, OR HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE I LAST VISITED HIS GRAVE DOWN THERE IN THE OLD TOWN CEMETERY





GOD? GREG MONEY... YOU OK, RIGHT?

WHAT? OH, YESH, I WAS JUST... I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING



IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE WHEN WE'VE EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE, PEACE AND GOODWILL TO ALL MEN, REMEMBER?



EXCEPT IT WASN'T ALL RIGHT AND WE DON'T KNOW IT THEN, BUT THINGS WERE HAPPENING THAT NIGHT OUT ON THE TERRACE...



IT WAS CHRISTMAS EVE, THE LAST ONE THE WORLD WOULD EVER GOING TO SEE, AND THINGS WERE VERY VERY FAR FROM BEING ALL RIGHT



THE FIRST WE HEARD ABOUT IT WAS WHEN COULD BECOME FINALLY MAKE IT TO THE PARTY...

OH, GOD...
THEY'RE...
EVERYWHERE...
THEY'RE ALL
OVER THE
ROADS...

GRAB!
TAKE COVER!
BACK INSIDE!
NOW!

YOU'VE
GOT TO DO
SOMETHING,
UNCLE STEVEN!
THEY'RE
STRIKING. WE'VE
GOT TO GO
BACK OUT
THERE AND
FIND HIM!

DON'T
SHE COMPLETE
JEANNE THIS
TIME? I
THOUGHT SHE
WAS DISAPPOINTED
TO BE
CLEANED-UP
THESE DAYS.

THAT'S
ENOUGH, DUNN!
SHUT YOUR MOUTH
SOONER FOR
GOD'S SAKE!

IT'S ALL
RIGHT, BOB.
CALM DOWN
AND TELL
ME WHAT
HAPPENED.

BACK
ON THE OLD
SOLVHAN
MOTORWAY
MORNING
POWER. I
TALK TOB
GAIN T
ALL BEFORE.

WE WERE DRIVING DOWN
FROM NORTHAMPTON. WE'D
HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT THE
POLICE HAD CLOSED ALL THE
MOTORWAYS AT THE SCOTLINE
BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER.

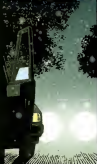
I-- I GUESS THAT'S
THE STORY THEY WANTED
PEOPLE TO BELIEVE, BUT
STEVEN SAID HE KNEW A
SIDE ROAD THAT WOULD
STILL BE OPEN.

"IT WASN'T UNTIL WE
STARTED PASSING ALL
THOSE ABANDONED CARS
THAT WE KNEW SOMETHING
WAS REALLY WRONG.

"STEVEN PULLED OVER IF ONE
OF ANYONE WANTED HELP. I
DIDN'T WANT HIM TO. I
TOLD HIM TO LEAVE IT TO
THE POLICE, BUT LEO'S A
TINKERER, AND HE SAID
IT WAS HIS DUTY.

"HIS FAMILY WANTED HIM
TO BE A LAWYER, BUT HE
SAID HE WANTED TO DO
SOMETHING WITH HIS LIFE
TO HELP PEOPLE.

"IT'S FUNNY,
BUT IT--



"IF ONLY SOME FAMILY
MEMBER... HE'D PROBABLY
STILL BE ALIVE NOW"



STEVEN!



STEVEN!
OH, GOD, STEVEN!
GET OUT OF
HERE!



CRASH!





"WHEN I FELT THE BACK
WHEELS SLUMP OVER
SOMETHING, I KNOW IT
WAS GONE, AND THEN I
CHECKED THE ROAD-WHEN
AHEAD."

"AND IT WAS STILL THERE
I SAW IT GET BLAST UP
AND IT WAS STILL THERE"



"I KEPT DRIVING, UNCLE STEVEN
BUT THOSE THINGS... THEY WERE
EVERYWHERE. THERE WAS A
ROADBLOCK, BUT THE POLICE
WERE EVERYWHERE AT
PEOPLE. I DROVE THROUGH IT
OH-GOD, I LEFT STEVEN BACK
THERE WITH THOSE THINGS."



"HOLD
ONNY, LIKE
I SAID AND
SHE NEVER
COULD DRIVE
WORTH A DAMN
ANYWAY..."





DETAILS ARE STILL CONFUSED, BUT REPORTS OF COMMERCIALISTIC ATTACKS ARE COMING IN FROM ALL OVER NEW ENGLAND. APPARENTLY CENTERING ON THE TOWN OF WINDLEB, MASSACHUSETTS. EVIDENCE OF A POSSIBLE MASS-ESCAPE FROM AN INSANE ASYLUM HAVE NOT YET BEEN DISCOUNTED.

ALSO UNEXPLAINED IS THE CAUSE OF A MISTIFULOUS CLOUD OF EMERSON GREEN ASHES THAT MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THESE INCIDENTS. THE U.S. ARMY HAS ALREADY DENIED ANY POSSIBILITY OF A CHEMICAL WEAPONS ACCIDENT.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ANNOUNCED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN MASSACHUSETTS, AND THE NATIONAL GUARD HAS BEEN MOBILIZED.

SOMEBODY FROM ONE OF OUR AFFILIATE STATIONS BEHIND YOU THIS SPECIAL LIVE REPORT FROM DOWNTOWN BOSTON, PLEASE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IS IN EFFECT...



THEY'RE EVERYWHERE, THEY'RE COMING OUT OF THE GROUND! THE DEAD ARE COMING BACK TO LIFE! THEY'RE...
AAAAAH!!!



TEMPORARY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES
PLEASE STAND BY

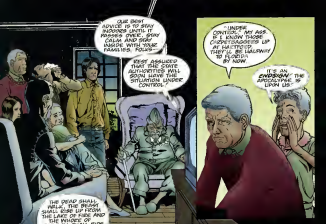


WELL, MORE OF THAT REPORT A LITTLE LATER ON, ONCE TO OUR WEATHER GUARD FOR AN UPDATE ON THAT GREEN-MIST WEATHER FRONT.



THAT'S RIGHT, WELL WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS STUFF IS YET OR IF IT'S IN ANY WAY HARMFUL, BUT IT'S DEFINITELY ON THE MOVE.

...GOT SOME SERIOUS MINDS OUT THERE THIS EVENING AND THE LATEST REPORTS SAY THIS STUFF IS ALREADY PILING UP IN CONNECTICUT.



OUR BOSS
ADVISED US TO STAY
INDOOR UNTIL IT
POSSIBLY FEELS BETTER
CALM AND WE
HANDLE WITH YOUR
FRAGILE, FOLKS—

BOSS ADVISED
THAT THE STATE
AUTHORITY WILL
SOON HAVE THE
SITUATION UNDER
CONTROL?

"UNDER
CONTROL." MY ASS.
IF I KNOW THOSE
CORPORATIONS UP
AT HANCOCK,
THEY'LL BE LAUGHING
TO FLORIDA
BY NOW.

IT'S AN
EMERGENCY! THE
SITUATION IS
LIFE OR DEATH!

THE DEAD SHALL
RISE! THE DEAD
SHALL RISE UP FROM
THE LAKE OF KIBRI AND
THE WINDS OF
BABYLON SHALL BLOW
TOWARD THE
BACK OF THE GREAT
DRAGON!



DAD
COMES AND
LOOK AT
THAT!

THAT STUFF IS
EVERYWHERE OUT
THERE. WHAT
ARE WE GOING
TO DO?

THE DEAD
SHALL RISE FROM
THEIR GRAVES AND
WALK TOWARD
IN PREPARATION
FOR THE LAST
JUDGMENT!

THERE'S STILL SOME
OF THE PEOPLE OUT
THERE ON THE ROADS
WE'LL TURN ON EVERY
LIGHT IN THE HOUSE—
GIVE THEM A BEACON
TO BRING THEM SAFELY
BACK HOME!

WE MUST
PRAY! PRAY
FOR PEACE WHILE
THERE'S STILL
TIME!

AND BEN, FOR
GOD'S SAKE, WILL
YOU SOFTEN THAT
WOMAN UP!



SO THAT'S
WHAT WE DID

SWITCHED ON ALL THE
LIGHTS, SAUCLED UP
TOGETHER AND WAITED
TO SEE IF ANY OF THE
FEET OF THE DEAD
WOULD MAKE IT HOME
THROUGH THE HARBORS
THAT WERE AHEAD
THAT NIGHT

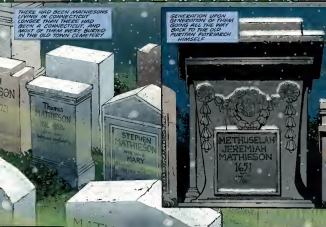


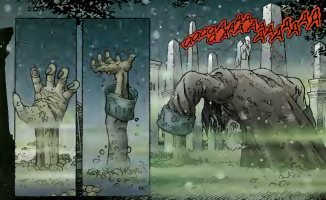
CEMETERY

OF COURSE, WHAT WE
COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN
WAS WE COULDN'T
POSSIBLY HAVE FOUNDEN
AND THAT EVERYONE
WAS IN BOSTON AND
SOMEONE WAS THERE

THERE WERE SEVERAL
FAMILIES IN CONNECTICUT
LONGER THAN THERE WERE
IN CONNECTICUT, AND
MOST OF THEM WERE BURIED
IN THE OLD TOWN CEMETERY

GENERATION UPON
GENERATION OF THEM
GOING ALL THE WAY
BACK TO THE OLD
PURITAN FAMILIES
HIMSELF







THESE CHARACTERS
THOUGH WERE SUPPOSED
TO BE DEAD!

THESE CHARACTERS, ALL
THE ANTIHEROS WOULD
BE COMING HOME FOR
THE HOLIDAYS!





THAT GREEN
MINT'S GETTING
WORSE OUT THERE,
PROBABLY NOTHING
TO WORRY ABOUT,
BUT IT'S ALWAYS
BEST TO BE
PREPARED...

KENNY,
THINK YOU
KNOW HOW TO
HANDLE ONE
OF THESE?



YESSIR? NO
PROBLEM.

GLAD TO HELP.
I HOPE I LET YOU
HANDLE MY DAUGHTER,
SO NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS, I
WANT YOU TO LOOK
AFTER HER.



GREEN MINT
I LIED TO TELL YOU
BOTH OUT HUNTING
WHEN YOU WERE KIDS.
LET'S HOPE YOUR
MINT HAS IMPROVED
SINCE THEN.

HOORAY...



DON'T WORRY
ABOUT ARE, FROM
THIS LITTLE BEASTLY
IN A POWER GAME
WITH A CAPTURED
GERMAN. I OBJECT
BACK IN THE
RECOGNISE IN

Heh,
ALWAYS KNEW
I'D COME IN
USEFUL ONE
DAY!



UH,
MR. STRONGHORN—
DEEP? THERE IS
SOMETHING
GETTING OUT
THERE, IN THE
MINT...



I THINK
THEY'RE AFRAID,
BUT THEY DON'T
LOOK LIKE NO
MEMBERS OF THE
FAMILY I EVER
MET BEFORE...







MY GOD, I DON'T BELIEVE IT! SANDY, YOU JUST ASSAULTED UNCLE BEN!

SCREW THAT, SPOKEY. I'M NOT THE ONE THAT JUST BLEW AWAY GREAT-GRANDPA'S HEAD-BOY, AND HE'S THE FOUNDER OF THE FAMILY!

Everyone ready? Get out here NOW!

PICED A HOLE INTO THE SECOND BARHEAD GONNER!

ONLY GOT A THREE-DAY PASS FOR CHRISTMAS AND I GOTTA PUT UP WITH THIS SHIT!





MURDER!



LEAVE HIM AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO FOR HIM.



GOT THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAFELY LOCKED IN ONE OF THE BEDROOMS. THE AMBULANCE FLIGHT WAS IN AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY TO MAKE A STAND.

GOOD MAN ABOUT MURDER WE'LL MAKE A MURDERER OF YOU AFTER ALL.



I SUSPECT MURDER IF YOU CAN JUST HOLD ONT TILL DAWN, THESE THINGS WILL JUST GIVE UP AND GO BACK HOME THEY CAME FROM.

Y'KNOW LIKE IN THE MOVIES...

THAT'S POSSIBLE YOU IDIOT.

ALL THIS AND WE'RE TAKING TACTICAL ADVICE FROM SOMEONE THAT CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ZOMBIES AND WANTEDS.



NEED MORE ZOMBIES? GO DOWN IT. MURDER'S BROTHER.

BUT HONEY
PLEASE ABOUT THE
REST OF YOUR
FAMILY?"

THEY WANT
TO FIGHT THE
CONNECTICUT VERSION
OF THE ALAMO. THAT'S
UP TO THEM. AND I'M
GETTING OUT OF
HERE.

CARENT
I KNOW
WE SHOULD
HAVE GONE TO
ASPEN FOR THE
HOLIDAYS.

SIMON?
HELP ME!

SIMON...
SHIT-SIMON!??

DUMB BITCH.
KNEW ALL
THAT SILICON
WOULD SLOW
ME DOWN.

GOTTA GET BACK TO THE
CAR. GET BACK OUT ON TO
THE HIGHWAY. FIND SOMEWHERE
SAFE. SOMETHING VIBRATED?
YEAH, THE SWANSEE HOUSE ON
MARTIN'S VIEWERS. LIKE TO
SEE THOSE BARBLES TRY TO
SWIM OUT THERE.







GOODGOD... THAT OLD PIGEON... I'M SCARED... HOW MUCH DOES IT TAKE TO GET HIM BACK TO REST...

EVERYONE! OH, GOD, EVERYONE!



BETH... GET AWAY FROM HERE... TAKE WHAT'S LEFT OF THE FAMILY AND GET AS FAR FROM HERE AS YOU CAN!



OH, EVERYONE, ON MY LIPS!



IT'S FOREVER! HE'S COMING BACK TO US, EVERYONE! BUT SOMEONE'S COMING BACK HOME TO US!



BETH... THAT THING HUNT ONE DAY... IT'S NOT TIGHT...



SHOOT IT, SHOOT IT, SHOOT IT, PLEASE IT'S TOO LATE!



I DON'T LOOK AND MY
THE EYE AND TELL
AND YOU WOULD DO
ANY DAMAGE

THE OTHERS -- ONE,
CONSTANCE, BRUCE,
CAROL -- I DIDN'T EVEN
THINK ABOUT THEM
MY ONLY FRIEND, MY
ONLY WIFE AND CHILD,
AND I DIDN'T EVEN
THINK ABOUT THEM

ALL I WANTED WAS
TO BE SPANNING AND
SAFE SOMEBODY
WHERE I
REMEMBERED I
WANTED TO GO TO GET
AWAY FROM THE
BAD THINGS --

I'VE BEEN UP HERE FOR HOURS. THE DAMAGE FROM BELOW - THE SCRAPING ON MY HAIR AND CHEEKS - FINISHED LONG AGO.

AFTER THAT, ALL I COULD DO WAS THOSE THINGS STARTING. I -- I THINK THAT MUST HAVE BEEN FIGHTING OVER THE REMAINS.

AT FIRST, I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO KILL MYSELF. I WANTED TO KILL MYSELF, BUT I COULDN'T.

THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY AND I DON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING SO EASY.

TIMMY DROPPED. DID I FALL TOO? THAT - WE WERE PLAYING ON THE BEACH WHEN THE TIDE PULLED HIM OUT.

HE CALLED TO ME. I COULDN'T HAVE SWIM OUT TO HIM, BUT I WAS TOO AFRAID. I JUST STOOD THERE. BY THE TIME I CAN TO GET HELP, IT WAS TOO LATE.

NO, I DON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING SO EASY.

THEY'LL BE COMING FOR ME SOON. THROUGH TIMMY WILL SHOW THEM THE WAY. HE ALWAYS SHOWS WAYS TO FIND ME WHEN WE PLAYED TOGETHER.

IT DOESN'T MATTER. I WANT THEM TO COME.

I WANT US TO BE TOGETHER.

AFTER ALL, IT'S CHRISTMAS...
SEPARATION...
AND WHAT MORE
COULD YOU WANT
AT CHRISTMAS
THAN TO BE WITH
YOUR FAMILY?



I'M BACK
BECAUSE I
WANTED TO
BE WITH
MY FAMILY



ALL OF US -- THE WHOLE
CLAN -- TOGETHER FOR
EVER AND EVER.



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